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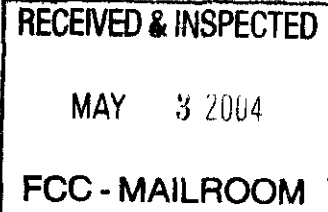
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April 27, 2004

Ms Marlene Dortch
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445 12th Street S W Suite TW-A325
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In re: RM-10865

Dear Ms. Dortch

Please accept the belated filing of these comments in reference to the above matter. This letter was originally mailed on April 8, 2004, and was returned by the postal service because it bore an incorrect address.

Thank you for your consideration regarding this matter.

Very truly yours,

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Terrence B. Sheridan, Chief
Baltimore County Police Department

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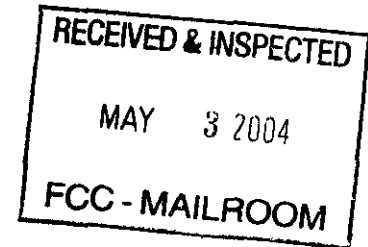
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Dear Ms Dortch:

I am the police chief of an eighteen hundred member police department in Baltimore County, Maryland. Since the United States Congress passed the Communications Assistance for Law Enforcement Act (CALEA) in 1994, our agency has been highly effective in using court-ordered wire intercepts to solve a variety of serious state crimes, including murder, kidnapping, narcotics distribution, and narcotics trafficking. Additionally, many of our cases have been accepted for prosecution in the federal courts for violation of federal law. Our agency has also worked jointly with the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI), the Drug Enforcement Agency (DEA) and the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms (ATF) in using court-ordered wire intercepts to resolve serious crime occurring in Baltimore City, Baltimore County, and other surrounding jurisdictions

In the past, the CALEA statute had made these law enforcement efforts a success. Unfortunately, our agency has not been able to intercept certain new cellular and communications technologies, which are regularly used by offenders to facilitate criminal activities. We have serious concerns that future efforts to monitor offenders will be prevented because telecommunications carriers are not in compliance with the mandates of CALEA. Additionally, our proximity to Washington, D.C. raises concerns that our agency will not be able to respond appropriately to any acts of terrorism which are planned or facilitated in the Baltimore County region.

I am writing to support the Joint Petition for Expedited Rulemaking filed with the FCC on March 10, 2004 by the Department of Justice, the Federal Bureau of Investigation, and the Drug Enforcement Agency. The Baltimore County Police



Department is urging the resolution of issues raised by the Petition, particularly those issues dealing with current technologies, which are not CALEA compliant, and the identification of future CALEA-covered services and entities.

Looking to the future, the Baltimore County Police Department seeks to reduce serious crime through its proactive use of wire intercepts. Failure of telecommunications carriers to assist law enforcement agencies in their efforts will prevent future efforts. I strongly urge the Federal Communications Commission to resolve the issues raised in the Petition, in order to assist law enforcement agencies who rely on CALEA compliance.

Thank you for your consideration regarding this matter.

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